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HAMILTON TAKES OATH AS FOREIGN AID DIRECTOR

**Kennedy Says He Has
High Hopes for New
Agency for Interna-
tional Development.**

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 — President Kennedy said today that he has high hopes for the success of the new Agency for International Development, which will be charged with revamping and extending the United States foreign aid program.

Mr. Kennedy took part in a brief White House ceremony at which Fowler Hamilton, a former Missourian, was sworn in as administrator of the new agency. Hamilton, a 50-year-old international lawyer, is a native of Kansas City.

His appointment, the President declared, means that the new foreign aid agency, known as AID, "is off to a good start." Mr. Kennedy expressed his gratitude to Hamilton for accepting the position.

Hamilton, who was sworn in by Associate Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Whittaker, a long-time friend, told the Chief Executive that he would concentrate on two standards set by Mr. Kennedy in administering the mutual security program.

He listed these as the principle of self-help, emphasizing United States assistance to underdeveloped nations which manifest a desire to help themselves, and an effort to obtain increased foreign aid contributions from other industrialized countries.

As one form of self-help, Hamilton mentioned the possibility that some recipient nations may have to be willing to make changes in their internal organization. He pledged an intensive effort to make the next 10 years "a decade of development."

Present at the swearing-in ceremony were Hamilton's wife

and their two daughters, Emily and Helen. A son, Milo Hamilton, was unable to attend. Also present were Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

Hamilton told reporters later that he would try to put together "the best organization" to run the foreign aid program. He said he has in mind "pretty much a new team at the top," perhaps 50 or 60 new foreign aid executives drawn from government, business and the academic community.

Hamilton will rank as an Under Secretary of State. He will have two deputies, five assistants, 51 subgrade administrative officers and jurisdiction over 12,858 employees in the old International Co-operation Administration.

Prior to his acceptance of the foreign aid post, Hamilton had been considered for director of the Central Intelligence Agency to succeed Allen W. Dulles, and for other high-ranking positions in the Kennedy Administration.